

	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Readings</u></b>
Sun 2 Dec	Alan Waddell	Jeremiah 33:116; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 ( <i>Luke 21:25-26</i> )
Sun 9 Dec	Margaret Gray	Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11 ( <i>Luke 3:1-6</i> )
Sun 16 Dec	Liz Johnson	Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7 ( <i>Luke 3: 7-18</i> )
Sun 23 Dec	Various	Nine lessons and carols
Mon 24 Dec	Various	Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12) ( <i>John 1: 1-14</i> )
Sun 30 Dec	Alan Waddell	1 Samuel 2: 18-20; Colossians: 12-17 ( <i>Luke 2: 41-52</i> )
Sun 6 Jan	Margaret Gray	Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12 ( <i>Matthew 2: 1-12</i> )

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### **Wanted**

WANTED a reliable STAR  
To lead a small party westwards.  
Bright with good sense of direction  
No time wasters.  
Sent CV to CHILDTREK, EARTH



Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year to all

## ***ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH***

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### **Notes from St Margaret's**

In church we will be lighting our first advent candle on Sun 2 Dec at the beginning of a new church year. For St Margaret's it has been a year of great change. However, as the countdown to Christmas commences, our lives will become busy with preparations for Christmas. There is much to do with shopping for gifts, all that extra food, posting the cards and parcels – the list is endless. For us, many Christmases have become a concoction of memories – Christmas carols, terrible cracker jokes, decorations and over-indulgence. However, we should spare a thought for family separation, poverty, loss and disruption. Perhaps, in a quiet moment, we can all reflect on events regarding the Holy birth in Bethlehem on that First Christmas.

Best wishes, Margaret Gray

### **The first Christmas by Marion Swinger**

It never snows at Christmas in that dry and dusty land.  
Instead of freezing blizzards, there are palms and drifting sands  
And years ago, a stable with above a glorious star and three wise men  
who followed it on camels, from afar, while, sleepy on the quiet hills,  
a shepherd gave a cry.  
He'd seen a crowd of angels in the silent, starlit sky.  
In the stable, ox and ass stood very still and calm, gazing at the baby  
safe and snug in Mary's arms.  
But Joseph, lost in shadow, face lit by an oil lamp's glow  
stood wondering, that first Christmas day, two thousand years ago.



### **December Events**

Sun 2 Dec St Margaret's AGM following the Family Eucharist  
Thurs 6 Dec 6.00pm CATT Family Advent Service in the Parish Church  
Sat 15 Dec 10.00am Children's craft workshop followed by a presentation  
and Christingle approx. 3.10pm  
Mon 17 Dec 7.00pm Auld Kirk Carol Concert in the Parish Church

### **December Services Diary**

Sun 2 Dec 10.30am First Sunday of Advent. Family Eucharist with Rev Jim Thomson  
followed by tea/coffee in the hall  
Sun 9 Dec 10.30am Second Sunday of Advent. Family Eucharist with Rev Jim Thomson  
followed by tea/coffee in the hall  
Sun 16 Dec 10.30am Third Sunday of Advent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/  
coffee in the hall  
Sun 23 Dec 10.30am Fourth Sunday of Advent, Nine lessons and carols followed by  
mulled wine and mince pies in the hall  
Mon 24 Dec 11.00pm Christmas Eve Watch Night Service with Rev Jim Thomson  
Sun 30 Dec 10.30am First after Christmas. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee  
in the hall  
Sun 6 Jan 10.30am Epiphany. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

### **December Rotas**

#### **Reception**

Sun 2 Dec Christine Barker  
Sun 9 Dec Janette Turvey  
Sun 16 Dec Margaret Redpath  
Sun 23 Dec Janette Turvey  
Mon 24 Dec Christine Barker  
Sun 30 Dec Christine Barker  
Sun 6 Jan Janette Turvey

#### **Offering**

Margaret Redpath  
Liz Johnson  
Janette Turvey  
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